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Applicants submit herewith a copy of a European Search Report dated October 5, 2001 conducted in German Patent Application No. 199 25 421.4, which is a counterpart of the above-captioned application. In particular, the European Examiner cited:

(1) International Patent Application No. WO 97/07281 published February 27, 1997 as an "X" category document (i.e., a document that calls into question of the novelty or inventive step when considered alone). In particular, the European Examiner noted the entire document as relevant to claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11, and 12 of the European application. Applicants submit herewith a copy of Canadian Patent Application No. 2,229,214 published June 4, 1996, which is a English Language family member of the above-cited document;

(2) French Patent Application No. 2,407,292, published May 25, 1979, as a "X" category document. In particular, the European Examiner noted the entire document as relevant to claims

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1, 3-5, 8, 10, and 11 of the European application; Applicants submit herewith a copy of British Patent Application No. 2,006,922 published May 10, 1979, which is a English Language family member of the above-cited document;

(3) European Patent Application No. 0 582 950 A1, published February 16, 1994, as a "X" category document. In particular, the European Examiner noted the entire document as relevant to claims 1, 3, and 8-11 of the European application; Applicants submit herewith a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,387,172 issued to HABENICHT et al. on February 7, 1995, which is a U.S. Patent family member of the above-cited document; and

(4) German Patent Application No. 297 22 778 U1, published May 20, 1998, as an "X" category document. In particular, the European Examiner noted the entire document as relevant to claims 1, 4, 8, 10, and 11 of the European application.

Copies of the above-listed documents are enclosed (including the European Search Report) as is a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

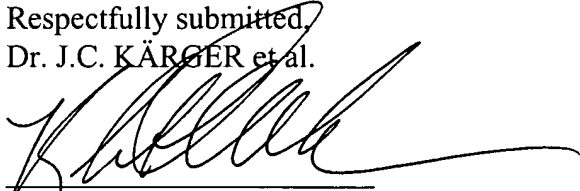
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Should there be any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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